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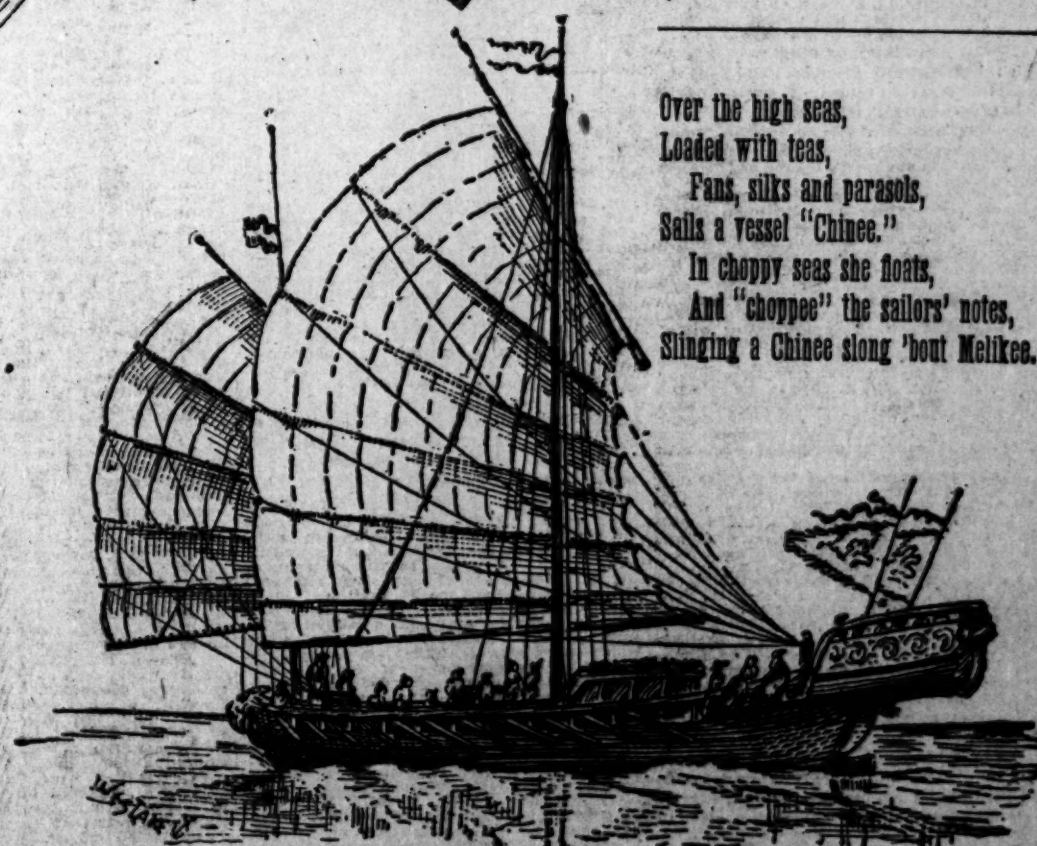
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If Russia Fails Her She Must Fight All Europe Alone.

The Enormous Increase in Her Army Reserves Does Not Strengthen Her.

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A Characteristic Scene in the French Chamber of Deputies.

Students of Military Science Show That the New French Military Law Is a Source of Weakness—The Lack of Transportation Would Nullify a Russian Alliance—The Three Combined Powers of Germany, Austria and Italy Masters of the Situation—Moslem Faith Doomed to Extinction in Africa—A Duel Arranged for Today Between Inflammable French Deputies—Death Stalking Abroad in Europe—Dutchmen Delighted With Horses—Portugal to Be Displaced—European Labor in a Ferment—Dom Pedro Doubtful of the Stability of the New Brazilian Government—Latest Foreign News.

Special Cablegram to the Post-Dispatch.

ARIS, Dec. 14.—The new French military law, which recently came into force, has already been pronounced by military critics the most important work accomplished by the Chamber of Deputies within a long time.

The net result of the law is, first of all, to immediately increase the strength of the army available by renewing the liability for service of five annual classes, who, under the old law, were exempt. This is a reply to the German law of 1888, which by a similar provision added 800,000 trained men to the available reserve. The new law places 600,000 men in the prime of life at the disposal of the Government in case of war. Secondly, the new law by increasing the number of recruits each year provides for a rapid increase during the next few years in the number of trained men, and by the diminution of exemptions and of men admitted to a partial training, it ensures a higher average of efficiency. Lastly, the number of men being increased, the number assigned to each unit will be larger, so that a sound training will be facilitated, and this object will be promoted by the attention given to the training of reserve officers.

The effect upon Europe of this further attempt to strengthen the French army will be to make other nations more willing than ever to attack France. But if the French government cannot allow itself, from overconfidence in its increased military resources, to provoke a Continental war the grave difficulties with which France would be confronted would not be materially diminished.

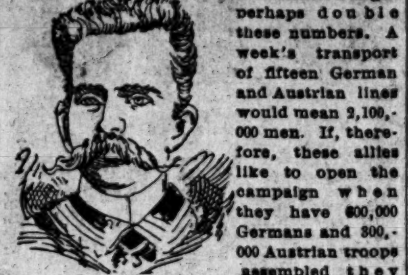
THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

Whatever be the opinions of individual observers as to the policy of the several powers who are members of the triple alliance, there is no doubt whatever that the alliance is a reality. It is not only a German concentration on the Vogeles, but also for an Italian concentration on the Alps. Accordingly the French are being recognized that they cannot hope to face the triple alliance with any prospect of success unless they, too, have an active ally. With this idea the friendship of Russia has been assiduously cultivated by the French Ministry and Press. Germany would gain little or nothing by a Russian alliance, even assuming Russia to exert herself to the utmost in the common cause. Instead of taking the figures which represent on paper the total forces of the various armies, these military critics try to find out what would be the force at their disposal in the critical moment and at the decisive point. The conclusions will startle a great many readers who are accustomed to consider armies by totals of figures.

A SKELETON ARMY.

The peace establishment of a Continental army consists of what may be called skeleton battalions, to be filled up as soon as war is at hand. A battalion has perhaps 500 men in its ranks in peace; for war it requires 1,000. The missing 500 are reserve men, who are working in the army, and are to be assembled these men, and to clothe, arm and equip them. They must travel by road or rail to the battle front, and the assembling depends upon the means of traveling. It is, therefore, obvious that the work of completing battalions will take much longer to effect in Russia than in either Germany or Austria. These specialists assume that the German troops would be ready ten days before the Russians. The Russian railway lines have all single tracks, while many of the German and Austrian lines are double. The Russian distances are, of course, by far the greater. Accordingly, when the second problem, that of concentration, comes to be worked out, the German and Austrian railways will place on the frontier each day more than three times as many

as the Russian railways can transport. The Russians have at present stationed in Poland in peace quarters 40,000 horsemen and nearly 200,000 infantry. The process of mobilization might perhaps be done on a scale of these numbers. A week's transport of fifteen German and Austrian lines would mean 2,100,000 men. If, therefore, these allies like to open their campaign when they have 600,000 Germans and 800,000 Austrians troops assembled they will have a vast numerical superiority over the Russians in Poland, and can speedily add to it "enormous" reserves. Russian Poland forms a square, of which the eastern side is attached to Russia, the other three sides being bounded by Prussia and Austria. One or two battles would be needed for the German and Austrian armies to reach the Russian army, and then, while this accomplished, the Russian army in Poland would be cut off and nothing could save it from capture. German writers believe that after the occupation of Poland a second campaign would suffice to take the allied armies to Moscow.



King Humbert.

The significant part of this analysis of the position of Russia lies in the estimate of the German forces supposed to be employed against Poland, which still leaves ample margin for defense against France. "A million on each frontier and half a million in reserve," was Prince Bismarck's estimate of the German army. Thus, while easily beating the Russians in the first campaign, the Germans will have a million men in the first line and a very handsome reserve on the Vogeles. The Italian army will be on the Alps.

Against this combination the French have no reasonable or calculable probability of success. The moral therefore is, that France will do well to give up dreams of a Russian alliance, to realize that a war would jeopardize her very existence and to avoid such a war as long as that course is honorably possible.

DOM PEDRO.

Stability of Brazil's New Government Doubtful by His Majesty.

Special Cablegram to the Post-Dispatch.

ISBOU, Dec. 14.—The reception of Dom Pedro is over and he ceases to attract attention.

His greeting was respectful, but it would seem that he is not a person to say that the people of this city or nation manifested any real interest in the de-throned monarch. What excitement there was was confined to the official classes and personal friends of the imperial family, who are numerous among the upper classes. The refusal of his Majesty to discuss the political situation of Brazil has deprived his arrival of much of its journalistic interest, but the cables I have forwarded to the SUNDAY POST-DISPATCH contain the essence of the imperial journey. In the second interview granted me his Majesty somewhat departed from his resolution and gave expression to his real sentiments about the revolutionary movement in Rio. It is now evident that the Provisional Government did not act so handsomely by Dom Pedro and the imperial family as he had represented in his cables to Europe. It is also clear that neither the Emperor or his

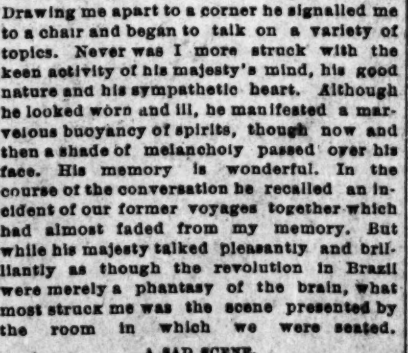
family regard the revolution as having definitely decided the future Government of Brazil. There is an unexpressed belief that Dom Pedro to the throne he has occupied with so much honor to himself and his country for fifty years.

HIS MAJESTY INTERVIEWED.

The rush of visitors desirous of paying homage to the Emperor, and the feeling that it is impossible to hold a long conversation with His Majesty during the day of his arrival. Before half a dozen words could be spoken new arrivals showed your man out of possession of His Majesty and it was necessary to give way. After the crowd had somewhat abated your correspondent obtained the only interview accorded a member of the press. The Emperor received me as an old friend in the midst of the imperial family in the dressing-room of the Bragosa Hotel. Drawing me apart to a corner he signalled me to a chair and began to talk on a variety of topics. Never was I more struck with the keen activity of his Majesty's mind, his good nature and his sympathetic heart. Although he looked worn and ill, he manifested a marvelous buoyancy of spirits, though now and then a shade of melancholy passed over his face. His memory is wonderful. In the course of the conversation he recalled an incident of our former voyage together which had almost faded from my memory. But while his Majesty talked pleasantly and brilliantly as though the revolution in Brazil were merely a phantasm of the brain, what most struck me was the scene presented by the room in which we were seated.

A SAD SCENE.

Only a few hours before I witnessed the arrival at the hotel of His Majesty and the imperial family it was a most touching and painful sight of the head of a great race from impending misfortune, the aged Emperor helping the Empress slowly to climb the stairs to the refuge of their apartments; the Princess Imperial, with her strong face bearing traces of tears shed, while Count d'Eu closed the procession with his three children, whom he seemed to guard from some unseen danger with his outstretched arms, gathering them to him. It recalled one of those terrible pictures of the Reign of Terror, though happily all danger was distant and the exiles had landed in a place of safety and rest. As we talked all this was changing. In the richly-furnished room, where perfumed



Dom Pedro II.

and beautiful flowers were bathed in the soft light, which gave an air of comfort and cheerfulness to everything, sat three generations of the imperial family of Brazil. In a corner facing us sat the aged Empress, bowed down, but blessed with a wonderful face full of sweetness and gentleness which grows handsomer and more sympathetic with age. The Princess Imperial is of a stronger and more masculine type, with much of the rugged energy of Dom Pedro. Clearly stamped upon her strong face are the trials which have fallen on the imperial family. They have had the greatest effect upon her, for she has grown haggard under the stress of her misfortune. Then there were four grandchildren, ranging from Dom Pedro, Jr., a young man whose resemblance to the Emperor is striking and who was for a long time heir to the Brazilian throne, to the youngest son of the Princess Imperial, a sturdy little gentleman 10 years old. All these were sitting round a table in a distant corner, talking and chatting gaily enough considering the circumstances under which they were gathered. A flood of softened light was thrown on the faces of the royal company. Rich flowers, and a table about in profusion and combined with the elegant furniture, formed a picture which only a great painter could have done justice to.

A KING WITHOUT A COUNTRY.

One could not help speculating about what must have been the feelings of this strange group, to whom, a few days ago a vast, rich empire was a patrimony, and who now have not even a country they can claim for their own. These thoughts would force themselves through my mind as the Emperor spoke about the past, bringing back an incident which occurred during our voyage in the United States, when his Majesty's visit to New York made me marvel at the old man's memory. The impressions made on his mind during that voyage had been deep and lasting. What he had seen in the great republic convinced him of the value and superiority of a free government. Notwithstanding the revolution in Brazil, he still maintained that opinion, though he feared the Brazilian people had not reached that stage of development which enabled some nations to derive full profit from free institutions, but time would tell, he said.

AMERICA ADMIRER.

After this unexpected incursion into Brazilian politics his Majesty returned to American subjects, inquiring minutely into the political and financial progress of the country, and especially into the railway development. Then he turned to British politics and made eager inquiries about Gladstone's projected solution of the Irish question, which his Majesty assumed would take somewhat the form of the Canadian Parliament. Then he wanted to know about Parnell and his famous commission, what was likely to be the solution of the Irish land question, what would be done with the landlords, whether boycotting still continued in Ireland and in what parts of the country it was most prevalent. Then he recalled the pleasant impression left on his mind by his visit to Ireland, the sad aspect of Dublin and the glorious beauty of Killarney. After this pleasant excursion into the realm of politics his Majesty turned to the subject of the revolution in Rio. He said: "I will not pass judgment on it. 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ALMOST A HOLOCAUST.

NARROW ESCAPE OF TWENTY-FIVE THEATRICAL HOTEL GUESTS

Thrilling Experiences of the Unfortunate People Who Were Caught in the Allen House Fire at New Orleans—Several Successful Efforts on Behalf of the Ladies—First Elsewhere.



NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 14.—A fire which came very near resulting in great loss of life, occurred at 1:45 this morning in the four-story brick building at 78 St. Charles street, near Commercial alley. The ground floor was occupied by John McCloskey as a soda stand and confectionery, and the upper floors, reached by a narrow stairway, as a boarding house known as the Allen House. The spread of flames was so rapid that the inmates of the building barely escaped with their lives. The second floor were occupied by the seven Sutherland sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of New York, John Wolf and friend, Mrs. Allen and three servants. The third floor by W. H. Lytle, comedian of the Little Henry company; Mrs. Stella Reese, leading lady of Fred Ward's company, and Miss Grace Wade of the same company; Fred Rust, advance agent of Nellie McHenry; Frank Hurst, agent of Elliott's "Jolly Voyagers"; Charles Shaford of the Nellie McHenry company and four others. All the people on the people on the second floor were saved without difficulty, but on the third floor a narrow escape. Police officer Seelherst discovered the fire after it had gained considerable headway and reached the third floor and aroused the people who were all sound asleep. When he succeeded in doing this the stairway had burned away. Other means of escape from the burning building was then sought. Mr. Lytle took charge of the ladies, who were remarkably cool under the circumstances, and told them to go out on the gallery with Mr. Shaford, while he with Mr. Rust and the officer ran into the room to procure some covering for the ladies who were in their night robes. The opening of the window caused a draft which fanned the flames into fury and surrounded the room in which Lytle and the officer were unable to get out. The officer was overcome by heat and smoke and Lytle picked him up and carried him to the window, which he raised. The roof of a hall window caused a draft which fanned the flames into fury and surrounded the room in which Lytle and the officer were unable to get out. The officer was overcome by heat and smoke and Lytle picked him up and carried him to the window, which he raised.

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Those injured at the fire are as follows: Thomas Emile, cook; burned about the face and hands and both ankles fractured. Miss Stella Reese, slight injury to knee and arm. Officer Seelherst, burned about the hands and face. John Bar, fireman, head injured by falling shutter. The building was totally destroyed and was valued at \$25,000; stock and fixtures of confectionery, \$15,000; furniture, \$10,000; insured in London, Liverpool & Globe Co. All other insurances in local companies.

Glass-Works Destroyed.
By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.
BALTIMORE, N. J., Dec. 14.—Graydon's Glass-works were destroyed by fire to-day. The warehouse, containing \$40,000 worth of glassware, was saved. A defective tempering oven caused the fire. About a hundred and fifty boys are thrown out of employment.

A NEW FIBER DECOCTORATOR.
An Invention That Will Work 11,000 Stalks in Ten Hours.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.
JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 14.—A successful test of a new fiber decoctorator, invented by Mr. J. J. Green of this city has been made here. Its principle is to split the stalk of the ramie on hemp and strip the fiber the length of the stalk without loss. He has been at work for the past year perfecting minor details. The machine in crude form was tested in Paris in 1888 and was awarded 40 francs prize money. It decoctors green or dry ramie, separates fiber from hemp and with two men, will work about 11,000 stalks in ten hours. It costs \$100 per day. Many processes for degumming exist but it is claimed this is the only machine invented that will work without such great loss as to render it impracticable.

An Officer Indicted.
By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.
ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 14.—Some time ago United States Marshal Daggett arrested a man named Luther B. Brown in Minneapolis for counterfeiting. Brown was acquitted. At the same time he seized everything about the building that would help in making out a case of forgery against Brown. These articles were such as counterfeiter might use. There was also found an amount of counterfeit money and the molds from which it was thought to have been taken. Some of the money was on Brown's person. At the same time the deputy took some pictures, thinking that they might be useful in the case, and it is for taking these that the deputy has been indicted. At the trial of Brown was a silver plater and the prisoner claimed that the money had been put on his person. The jury did not believe him. The Marshal does not anticipate any trouble. He is a little surprised that the County Attorney of Hennepin County would have permitted such an indictment to have been found against a United States officer, who was doing his duty.

A Radical Change.
By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.
BALTIMORE, Dec. 14.—The faculty of the Maryland University of the School of Medicine today displaced the Sisters of Mercy, who have had charge of the infirmary for the last eight years and employed a corps of lay nurses.

ATLANTIC REORGANIZATION.

The Plan Proposed, a Success—New Lines Contemplated and Completed.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.
BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 14.—The Atlantic reorganization is a success. The directors met this morning and adopted the following: "Whereas, it is officially reported to the board that deposits of bonds under the reorganization plan aggregate in Europe \$30,318,700, and in America \$38,648,000, or in all \$128,966,700, and also that a decisive majority of each and every one of the thirty-six issues of bonds of the Atlantic System has been so deposited, and therefore all rights of holders to make deposits have virtually ceased, nevertheless, in the desire to prevent injustice and hardship to distant and absent holders who have placed no deposit, it is therefore voted that the Chairman be authorized to receive, in his discretion, bonds for deposit under the plan up to and including the first day of December, 1899, under the conditions heretofore announced."

The Commission Problem.
By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 14.—The committee appointed at the joint conference of the Central Traffic and Western States Passenger Association Thursday to consider and report on the question of the abolition of payment of commission on passenger traffic, met to-day. Chairman Abbott presiding. After an all-day discussion, the committee agreed to recommend to their associations that the differential fares requested by Eastern lines be incorporated in the tariff of Western lines. It was further agreed that reductions in through fares over differential fare routes be made entirely by Eastern lines. The report of this committee will be forwarded to the meeting of the Joint Executive Committee in New York Wednesday next. It will be confirmed by the Western States Passenger Association before becoming operative.

Completion of a New Route.
By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.
CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., Dec. 14.—An excursion train from Carbondale, over the Grand Tower & Cape Girardeau Railroad, arrived here at 4 p. m. It was the first passenger train over the new road and was received here with firing of cannon and a salute of rockets. The road will be opened for traffic on Monday and the first train will leave here at 7:35 a. m., reaching St. Louis via the Cairo Short Line from Murphysboro at 1:30 p. m. This road places the Cape Girardeau, St. Louis and giving direct connection it will be of great convenience to the traveling public.

Proposed New Line.
By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.
CAIRO, Ill., Dec. 14.—A party of capitalists of this city and Paducah, Ky., are considering the project of building a railroad from Cairo to Paducah, and will ask the coming Kentucky Legislature to grant them a charter. The project has been talked of much during the last two years and several surveys have been made of the route. The present movement promises to be carried to a successful issue. The road will run through a rich tobacco raising section of Kentucky and the enterprise is being watched with much interest here.

Why Rates Were Cut.
By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 14.—The Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic assigns as a reason for the cut in passenger rates that they were refused membership in the Western States Passenger Association. Chairman Abbott said this afternoon that application had never been made by the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic for membership in the Western States Passenger Association, and that the cut in rates was influenced by the fact, but whether it is better to suffer the loss of the rate is for the St. Paul lines themselves to decide.

The First Train.
By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.
BEAUMONT, Neb., Dec. 14.—The first freight train over the recently completed Kansas City & Beattie Railway arrived in this city to-day. The train consists of twenty-two cars of freight, all of which was consigned to Beattie merchants and manufacturers.

A CATTLE COMPANY'S FAILURE.
Ruins Nearly All the Wealthy Farmers of Greene County, Pa.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 14.—The failure of a Wyoming cattle company, in which D. A. Spragg was prominent, has ruined nearly all the wealthy farmers of Greene County. Spragg is supposed to be in Canada. He borrowed about \$30,000 a day before he left, part of it when he was getting his assignment papers ready. There have been upwards of \$4,000 in judgments entered in the last days and the property is still rushed and was about eighty notes behind to-day. Eight deeds of assignment have been recorded and quite a number of mortgages and men of limited means lose all they have, among whom are Robert Smith, County Treasurer.

North St. Louis.
The North St. Louis Butchers' Union will hold its annual meeting on the second Thursday in January. The Hyde Park Congregational Church will hold its annual election and business meeting next Wednesday night. The Cooke Avenue Church will have a conversational and bazaar next Monday and Tuesday from 10 to 12 o'clock. Col. Robert McCulloch will install the officers of St. Aldemar Commandery, Knights of the Friar Masonic Order and Orpheus Senebier and will give a united concert to-night at the North St. Louis Turner Hall, Twentieth and Salisbury streets.

John Ward's Friends Remember Him.
By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.
NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—An elegant gold and platinum watch chain, from which hung a gorgeous locket adorned by an ink's head and set in diamonds and rubies, was presented to John Ward by a few of his friends last night. Within the locket is an excellent picture of Mr. Ward, and the presentation was made in the room over Nick Eagle's, 10 West Twenty-seventh street, and the famous Masco City accepted the beautiful gift to Mr. Ward, explaining how it all happened. Mr. Ward accepted the gift with a happy speech and then the party, among whom were Fred Pfeiffer, Ned Hamilton and Al Johnson, enjoyed many of the good things of life provided by the generous host.

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Those who have faded pictures or images of distant or deceased friends can have their portraits made and life-like in any of the above styles. For reference, will refer you to the following, who have had portraits made within the last month:
Mayor Noonan, Chas. P. Chouteau, M. A. Wolff, Hugh Campbell, Rev. Dr. Scobee, Missouri Historical Society, and many others.

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DIED.
BURNS—At McCook, Neb., on Thursday, December 12, 1899, at 3 p. m., ELLEN BURNS, nee Flannery, aged 33 years, beloved wife of George Burns and sister of Jos. and Thos. Flannery. Funeral from residence of Martin Ryan, 2729 Dayton street, Sunday at 2 p. m., thence to Rock Church.

CUNNINGHAM—Saturday morning at 3:45 of paralysis, CHAS. CUNNINGHAM, aged 56 years. Funeral from residence, 1420 East Prairie avenue, to Holy Name Church, Monday morning at 8:45, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends are invited to attend.
FURNER—On Saturday, December 14, at 4 a. m., KATIE F., daughter of W. and K. D. Ford, aged 22 years and 3 months. Funeral will take place on Monday, December 16, at 2:30 p. m. from family residence 5529 North Broadway, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.
GILL—Entered into rest Friday, December 13, 1899, LUCY UNDERWOOD GILL, nee Morris, wife of Harry B. Gill. Funeral from Grace Church, Kirkwood, Sunday, December 15, at 3 p. m., thence to Oak Hill Cemetery.

GROTE—On Friday, December 13, 1899, at his residence on Eighth street and Pennsylvania avenue, in East St. Louis, Ill., JOHN B. GROTE, aged 46 years 8 months and 6 days. Funeral will take place from the family residence, Eighth street and Pennsylvania avenue, on Sunday afternoon, December 15, 1899, at 1:30 o'clock sharp, to St. Henry's Cemetery, in East St. Louis, Ill. Friends are invited to attend.
ALTON (Ill.) and St. Charles (Mo.) papers please copy.

HOPKINS—At 1:30 a. m., Saturday, December 14, 1899, MARY, beloved daughter of Patrick and Ann Hopkins, aged 5 years. Her funeral will take place at 2 o'clock p. m., Sunday, December 15, from the family residence, 1320 North Sixth street, to Calvary Cemetery. Friends are invited to attend.
O'MARA—JAMES O'MARA, beloved son of John and Catherine O'Mara, aged 21 years, 7 months; accident. 2907 Gratiot street. The notice of the funeral will be given.

PITZELLE—At Clarksville, Ark., MIRIAM, beloved daughter of Sam and Rachel Pitzelle, aged 2 years 3 months. Funeral from grandparents', Mr. and Mrs. A. Isaacs, 1233 Eugene street, on Sunday, December 15, at 1:30 p. m.
POWERS—On Friday, December 13, 1899, at 12:30 o'clock a. m., MARY POWERS, aged 90 years. The funeral will take place Sunday, 15th inst., at 1:30 o'clock p. m., from the residence of her son-in-law, Edward Mahon, No. 2329 Carr street, to St. Bridget's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends are invited to attend.
MCGRATHY—On Friday, December 13, ELIZA MCGRATHY, aged 49 years. The funeral will take place from the family residence, No. 2122 Carr street, on Sunday, December 15, at 1:30 p. m., to St. Bridget's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends are invited to attend.
MCVEIGH—Departed from this life, December 13, our beloved son and brother, J. R. MCVEIGH. Buried from residence of his mother, Mrs. Jas. Lynch, 1449 North Fourteenth street, December 14, New York papers please copy.
"May his soul rest in peace."
TRAYNOR—MARGARET TRAYNOR, aged 66 years. Funeral, Sunday, December 15, at 12:30, from residence, 1510 South Twelfth street. Friends invited.

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A Charming Told, Delightfully Presented Heart Story.
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THE OLD RELIABLE AND ONLY CURE FOR RHEUMATISM
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To J. H. Reed, Proprietor of LALLEMAND'S SPECIFIC, St. Louis, Mo.—Dear Sir: Through the recommendation of Mr. J. M. Sellers, brother of Fourth and Market sts., St. Louis, Mo., we tried a bottle of LALLEMAND'S SPECIFIC and found a benefit therefrom. Used the second and third bottle after which my wife was able to be out for some time. Subsequent to this my wife was afflicted with rheumatism in both arms and legs. I used LALLEMAND'S SPECIFIC and was cured. I would not change it for the best medicine in the world.
WM. LENOX
Treasurer of the Lallemand Drug Store Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Respectfully Dedicated to You.

A woman's preaching is like a dog's walking on his hind legs. It is not well done, but you are surprised to find it done at all. Now other store-keepers are trying to keep up with Barr's on the bargain question like a dog trying to walk on his hind legs, when one of 'em's lame.

You needn't waste your time reading any other ads in this paper, all the money saving news is right here.

A thousand ladies' embroidered handkerchiefs on Monday, ten cents each. There'll be a million after them, come quick.

Come, see that silk umbrella, with gold or silver handle, that Barr's is going to sell this week for \$2.50.

Here's a piece of good money-saving news—a job purchase of the stylish Jacquard cloth cloaks for girls of 6 to 12 years, beautifully made, with Empire cape, worth \$8 and over, all go at \$3 each.

Boys' storm coats—the most stylish overcoat of the season, large collar, ulster style, for boys 13 to 17 years; Barr's special price, \$4.50.

If you want a pretty present for a little girl do look at the beautiful imported suits for girls 4 to 10 years, all sorts of combinations, \$4 to \$9 a suit.

Buy your wife a pair of elegant ten-dollar chenille portiere curtains with deep dado and fringe, while you can get them for \$6.50.

We're going to offer 50 dozen ladies' elegant embroidered and hemstitched Japanese silk handkerchiefs for a dollar a piece.

Beautiful real French bisque-head dolls, with jointed indestructible body, head and limbs move any way, teeth and curled hair, just the right size to dress nicely, only a few hundred of them, this week price only 65 cents.

Don't miss our twenty-five cent table down in the basement. Shouldn't wonder a bit if you find several things you want there. Some beautiful bisques, worth over so much more; whisk brooms with oxidized silver handles, in oxidized holders; Japanese nickels, vases, the artistic long necked sort that every woman of taste likes, and picture-frames, my! no end to the picture-frames, and sixty other articles, all for a quarter each.

Tree trimmings, 3 cents to as many dollars be sure to get some of those bright Christmas trees we're going to sell so cheap, to hang on your Xmas tree.

BARR'S.

RENT you a hundred dollars you can't find another such a list of bargains in this paper as ours.

RENT you coming to Barr's this week? Of course you are. Couldn't stay away after reading this ad.

ROUGH on the rest of the Christmas trade, Barr's prices are, but we've promised ourselves that you'll buy everything here.

EASON why of all the crowds of buyers is, plenty to buy, and oh, SO cheap! SO cheap!

UCH is life. These times come up, roll away, and leave behind—well, we hope this one'll leave us all your Xmas cash.

500 elegant silk-plush Albums, eight by ten inches, with nickel extension clasp, worth every cent of a dollar; just 500 go at.....

50 Cents.

Satin-lined Plush Box with full Manicure Set, a great bargain.

50 Cents.

Alligator Knapsack filled with Best Linen Writing Paper, all sizes; a very nice gift.

\$1.35

Men's Dressing Robes and Smoking Jackets, all sizes and very handsome garments.

\$10.00

Beautiful printed cashmeres for Tea Gowns, stylish, combines well with plain goods, 32 inches wide, only

16 1/2 cts Yard.

Piano Covers, beauties; will offer several hundred this week at \$3.75. We have them up to \$40.

\$3.75

Kid-fitting Jersey cashmere Gloves, a sensible gift.

25c Cents.

Boy's stylish fur-top, nicely lined dog-skin Gloves, buttons or spring fastening.

90 Cents.

All our best 20 to 35-cent Gingham given away this week for

14c A Yard.

NOW we'll venture to say that 99 out of every one hundred persons who buy Christmas gifts buy at least one book, and we'll further venture to say that said book should be bought at Barr's. The following'll prove it:

Chatterbox, only 75c each. Chatterwell stories, 38c each. Dante's Inferno, Paradise Lost and Bible Gallery, all at \$1.28 each.

Dickens' Complete Works, 15 vols., cloth, only \$4.49 set. Thackeray's Complete Works, 10 vols., cloth, only \$7.50 set.

Bulwer Lytton's Complete Works, 12 vols., cloth, only \$7.50 set. E. P. Roe's Works, per vol. 75c.

Ben Hur, \$1.20. Mary J. Holmes' Works, per vol., \$1.00. Ivorine Gift Books, containing all the popular ballads, etc., 88c.

Padded Leather Gift Books, Bingen on the Rhine and other popular ballads, 99c.

Picture Books, Alphabet Books, Children's Story Books, all the best Standard Children's Books.

Remember, that the biggest book store in town is at Barr's, where you find everything else that's biggest and best.

You'll find down in the basement a table of imitation old ivory and Royal Worcester Jugs, vases, bottles, match safes and statuary—no two alike. The Greek Slave is only \$1, if it isn't gone before you come. Faust and Marguerite only \$1. Cupid in Chains, \$2; dozens of classical subjects, only one of each; they'll go with a rush.

Here's a bargain. Eleven-quarter all-wool scarlet Blankets, the best you ever heard of at the price, and look at the size!

\$4.00 A Pair.

Buy a Black Silk that's beautiful, fashionable and thoroughly reliable—buy the Faille Francaise guaranteed by Barr's.

97c A Yard.

Apron Embroidery; 45 inches, hemstitched, very stylish.

75 Cents.

Handsome silk-plush Writing Desks at the unheard-of price of

59 Cents.

Here's a nice present. A beautiful hemstitched damask euchre Lunch Cloth yard and 1/2 square.

\$2.45

Men's beautifully embroidered Slippers, the best assortment in town.

\$1.50

A fashionable Black Mohair Brilliantine Dress, 40 inches wide and only

50c A Yard.

Men's beautifully embroidered four-in-hand Ties, light and dark colors.

50 Cents.

Special! A big line of boy's knee-trouser Suits, 4 to 14 years, latest styles.

\$3.50

Sixth, Olive and Locust Streets, St. Louis, Mo.

What do you think of this "ad" any way? Very attractive, isn't it? Price attraction, mostly. The more you read, the more you'll want to read, so sell right in, that's just what it's put here for.

Now if you're inclined toward the stylish you'll need a fur muff, and a cape, box or collar; imported black muff at six bits; Russian seal muffs, \$8.50; genuine Alaska seal, London-dyed, for \$1, and perfect beauties they are, too. Monkey muffs, \$5. Natural lynx muffs, \$5. Capes, without end, cloth with fur collars, astrakhan capes, seal-skin capes, and monkey capes. We guarantee 'em all strictly at Barr prices.

Have you seen the new photograph



cases? Quite an elegant little novelty. Calfskin, \$3 to \$5. Silk, \$1 to \$6. They're in the art needlework dept., and while there do see the new shapes in office and sewing baskets, trimmed or untrimmed.

If you're looking for something that everybody else hasn't seen, we think we can accommodate you; dainty oxidized silver cologne bottles, powder boxes, candlesticks, fruit knives on stand, and several other novelties.

About Albums! Barr's sell the celebrated Posen album, the best made in this world—or any other; a written guarantee goes with each; you can't make a mistake when you get "the best," can you? Prices, \$2.75 to \$15.

Just opened a beautiful line of the very newest shapes and decorations in Haviland after-dinner cups and saucers, bread and butter plates and oyster plates. Barr's china department is one of the finest in America, and is justly celebrated for its very low prices on fine and medium china ware.

We advise you not to skip a word of this "ad." Every article is a special bargain. For the rest of our bargain list see to-day's "Globe" and "Republican." A different bargain announcement in every paper.

A thousand yards all-wool 64-inch all-wool French tricot, 61 cents a yard. Can that be true? It couldn't if it was anybody else but

BARR'S.

TO WOULD-BE AUTHORS.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX WRITES A LITTLE ON THE LITERARY CAREER.

What the Outlook is for a Young Woman—What She Must Expect and Be Prepared to Meet—The Prospects of a Literary Career—What Makes a Sensation—How to Win the Public Ear.

[Written for the SUNDAY POST-DISPATCH.]

MISS MYRIAD.

My dear Miss Myriad, you are about to enter upon a literary career, and you ask me for a letter of general advice and counsel. You thank me in advance for my suggestions, and you say that you may offer which will enable you to win the ear of the public, the good favor of the critics and the gold of the publishers. You inquire the best method to get the newspapers talking about you, as an introduction to the public, and you end by telling me that you are engaged upon a work which you believe will create a sensation in literary circles, and that you are bracing yourself to meet the mingled storm of condemnation and praise sure to be called forth by your bold, daring, but honest utterances.

In the first place, my dear Miss Myriad, let me disabuse your mind of the idea that the newspapers can make or unmake your fame. They might write you "up" for fifty years every day, and the pulse of the people would never throb at the sight or sound of your name unless your character and genius made themselves felt independently of newspaper articles.

They might write you "down" for just as many years, and if your character was strong and noble and your genius great you would still be loved and appreciated by the public heart. It is the mere folly to talk about newspaper articles helping or harming an artist. All the correspondents, paragraphers and editors in the world cannot make you great or ignoble, and whichever you are that part of the world capable of understanding will eventually discover if you keep on in your career.

CHARACTER IS INDESTRUCTIBLE, and it is upon character that any writer, and lasting result in art must depend. With character and talent, though all the pens of all the critics turned into swords and were lifted against you, still would you stand. With genius alone, the blow of a quill may help to hasten the fall which, however, would be sure to come without it.

any career. If you write as the young bird sings, you need no advice from me. For the great cause is back of your thoughts, and will force their way through rocks, and nothing can keep them from their way. But if you have merely a well-defined literary ability and taste you would do well to consider this step.

What is your attitude toward humanity? The author should be able to instruct, entertain, guide or lead. He should be able to fire the imagination of his readers, and give them the sense of their own greatness. He should be able to make them feel that they are not alone in the world, and that they are part of a great whole. He should be able to make them feel that they are not alone in the world, and that they are part of a great whole.

It is merely money, you would be wise to wait until you fall heir to a comfortable income sufficient to maintain life during the early years of literary pursuit. Save in solitary cases of remarkable genius, literature requires ten years of apprenticeship, at least, in demanding public appreciation and attention.

But all this will not discourage, though it may sadden you; if you are worthy of your calling you will go on and find happiness and lasting result in art must depend. With character and talent, though all the pens of all the critics turned into swords and were lifted against you, still would you stand. With genius alone, the blow of a quill may help to hasten the fall which, however, would be sure to come without it.

fame. And the critic who consigns you to oblivion in a sentence, and the sweet sister author who shudderingly declares she would not have your notoriety for a million dollars, will only cause you a sad smile, as you read again the stranger's blurred letter.

But, my dear Miss Myriad, the work you are now engaged upon will not create a sensation. The authors who stir the hearts and fire the heads of their readers, and give them the sense of their own greatness, are the authors who stir the hearts and fire the heads of their readers, and give them the sense of their own greatness.

Of course you can sit down in cold blood and write shocking, vulgar, or absurd things, which will startle your readers for the moment, and draw attention to you as a doctress of letters, but you will not have the same success as the author who writes with a purpose, and who writes with a purpose, and who writes with a purpose.

But your happiness will have been in the work, not in what the world says of it, for you will realize that each opinion is but individual, and the satisfactory approval must come from within, not from without.

SOME COSTLY BUILDINGS.

A LIST OF THE BIG IMPROVEMENTS IN THIS CITY DURING THE YEAR.

A Splendid Showing for the Growth of the City—Location of Elegant New Residences—Commercial Structures Costing From \$50,000 to \$350,000—More of Them Built Than Ever Before in Any One Year.

THE following embraces a list of buildings and residences for which permits in excess of \$10,000 have been issued since the 1st of January last.

In the list it will be observed that permits have been granted for the erection of twelve structures, each of which will cost over \$100,000, one of the largest of which is the new building on the corner of Broadway and Locust streets, which will cost \$350,000.

The Building Commissioner has not yet footed up the annual list of permits issued, but he has expressed a belief that while the official record may not show an aggregate outlay of much more than \$15,000,000 he is quite certain that at least \$20,000,000 has been put into improvements this year.

SOME OF THE BIG BUILDINGS. Alexian Brothers—Hospital on Broadway, between Locust and Olive streets, \$20,000. Anheuser-Busch Brewery Co.—An elevator building six stories high on Pasteur street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, \$20,000.

side of Delmar avenue, between Newstead and Taylor, \$25,000. J. H. B. a three-story factory building on the north side of Olive, between Eleventh and Nineteenth streets, \$20,000. Halsted Burns, dwelling on the north side of Washington avenue, between Pendleton and Saratoga streets, \$15,000.

Brownell-Wright Car Co., four-story factory building on the west side of Second street, between Clinton and Monroe, \$20,000. Buck's Store & Range Co., a five-story warehouse on the northwest corner of Main and Chestnut streets, \$25,000.

Samuel Supplies Warehouse Co., a seven-story building on the west side of Seventh street, between Locust and Poplar, \$35,000. Abner Cooper, five dwellings on the north side of Lafayette avenue, between Oregon and Washington, \$25,000.

Abner Cooper, five dwellings on the south side of Lafayette avenue, between Oregon and Washington, \$25,000. Abner Cooper, three dwellings on the south side of Lafayette avenue, between Oregon and Washington, \$25,000.

on the east side of California avenue between Henrietta and Eads, \$150,000. McNamee, Young & Co., a four-story factory building on Broadway, between Biddle and O'Fallon, \$12,000.

Nugent Bros., remodeling five-story building on Broadway, between Washington and St. Charles streets, \$15,000. Mrs. H. L. Neuman, dwelling in West Moreland place, between Union avenue and King's highway, \$16,000.

F. C. Pankley, six-story building on the south side of Chestnut avenue, between Eighth and Ninth streets, \$27,000. Louis Oberst, a brewery building on the east side of Twelfth street, between Sidney and Lynch, \$15,000.

R. H. Paul, a three-story store and tenement house on the east side of Broadway, between Howard and Mulhally, \$20,000. Paramore estate, flats on the north side of Bell street, between Ware and Grand avenues, \$22,000.

B. M. CHAMBERS.

He Will Be Admitted to Ball on Monday Next.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch. INOTON, Mo., Dec. 14.—Sheriff Whitworth of Iron County received this afternoon the following order:

"You are directed to bring before me in chambers in the City of Desoto at 10 o'clock a. m. on the 15th day of December last, the body of B. M. Chambers for the purpose of being bailed."

"Judge Twenty-sixth Judicial Circuit."

Your correspondent called at the jail this evening and found Mr. Chambers in a cheerful mood. He had already been informed of the prospects of an early release from confinement, and, of course, was overjoyed at the news. He stated, however, that he had been very kindly treated while in Ironton and that Sheriff Whitworth had been kind and attentive, doing all in his power to render the situation bearable if not pleasant. Other prisoners expressed their regrets at losing the benign influence of Mr. Chambers' presence. The old gentleman has made the best of his stay here, having made friends not only of the prisoners but with every one he has met. He says he does not regret having come here but on the contrary fully regrets having to leave. The surroundings have been so much more pleasant than he anticipated and the manifestations of kindly feeling so universal that he feels at last in ward satisfaction at having been sent here.

MODERATE, BUT BRAVE.

A Young Lady Saves a Passenger Train From Being Wrecked.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 14.—Miss Mary Emma of Eufaula, Ala., is a heroine to-night in the eyes of many people. This morning she saved the Georgia Pacific passenger train, due here from Atlanta at 10:25, was nearing Eufaula at a rapid rate a young woman was seen standing in the middle of the track, waving a red cloth at the approaching train. Engineer Franklin put on his air brakes and brought his train to a standstill. An examination disclosed that the fish plates, where the rails join, had been knocked off and the rails misplaced. It was a dastardly effort to wreck the train and would have undoubtedly resulted in loss of life had not the young lady's presence of mind led her to flag the train. The grateful passengers, at the suggestion of Conductor H. H. Wolfe, took up a handsome purse for her, and she modestly refused any reward.

Brief Notes.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch. OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 14.—David J. Clementson, a recent importation from England's realm, is languishing in Omaha's strong castle. Not long since he came to Nebraska City and was in a winning way. He made a man, however, declined to sell on the handsome dowry looked for, and on the wedding four Clementson paraded the wedding procession of his bride, unknown to her, and came to this city. Here he forgot a check on the First National bank to secure his board bill, when he was arrested. Miss Howell has returned to her home.

Maskwood Selected.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch. ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 14.—It is said the commission appointed to select a site for the State Prison, to take the place of the one at Sing Sing, agreed unanimously on Maskwood, Sullivan County, as the most desirable location.

BY HIS OWN HAND.

Franklin B. Gowen Ends His Life in a Washington Hotel.

The Great Railroad President and Lawyer a Victim of Overwork.

He Stood Before His Mirror When He Fired the Fatal Shot—The Sight That Met a Clerk's Gaze Who Peered Over a Transom—Unconscious Removal of the Body to the Morgue—Wanamaker and Other Notables on the Scene—Opinions of Intimate Friends as to the Cause of the Deed—His Crusade Against the Mollie McGuire—Expressions of Labor Leaders.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Franklin B. Gowen, a well-known lawyer of Philadelphia, and at one time President of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Co., was found dead in his room at Wormley's Hotel, shortly after noon today, with a bullet wound in his head.

The door of the room was locked on the inside, and on the top of the door, which the wound was inflicted. It was undoubtedly a case of suicide.

No theory is advanced to account for the act except that of Mr. Gowen's friends, who believe that in a fit of melancholy, to which he has been subject of late, he yielded to a suicidal impulse and fired the fatal shot.

Mr. Gowen arrived in this city last Monday and took up his quarters at Wormley's Hotel, where he has been a guest when at frequent intervals his law business has brought him to this city.

On this occasion Mr. Gowen came here for George Rice of Marietta, O., who for several years has been fighting the Standard Oil Trust.

Mr. Rice had begun suit before the Interstate Commerce Commission against the Standard Oil people and against his own and other private enterprises.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Mr. Gowen was in the city before the full commission, displaying

his fine ability to excellent advantage. His argument was clear and forcible and his mental vigor seemed unimpaired.

He afterward expressed his confidence that he would win the case in which he was engaged.

Mr. Gowen took his key from the room clerk at Wormley's and went to his apartment. At about 5 o'clock one of the chambermaids entered his room to provide towels and water and found Mr. Gowen putting on his coat "to go for a walk," as he explained.

He was not afterwards seen. He carried a small bag with him, which he used as a lawyer's use for holding briefs and other documents.

His whereabouts until about 8 o'clock have not yet been traced, but at that hour he was met by several acquaintances in front of the Elgin House on Fifth street, opposite the Treasury Department.

He chatted pleasantly for five minutes, apparently in the best of spirits, and then turned toward his hotel, a block above on the same street.

About 9 o'clock he was seen entering his door, which was locked from the inside. Mr. Gowen has always been an early riser, frequently leaving his room at 7 o'clock.

At about 8 o'clock a chambermaid attempted to enter his room to put in order, but discovered that it was still locked.

LOCKED ON THE INSIDE. Supposing that Mr. Gowen desired to sleep, she did not disturb him. She tried the door at various times, however, until finally at 1 o'clock, becoming impatient, she reported the fact to the hotel office.

Mr. James W. Wood, accompanied by Police Officer Cross, the day clerk and a porter, knocked loudly on the door, but receiving no response, pushed it open and found the body of the clerk mounted. Peering through the transom he was horrified to see the body of Mr. Gowen lying on the floor.

A hasty examination showed that the unfortunate man had been dead several hours.

The body lay upon the floor, partly under a small table, evidently just where it had fallen. The dead man had doubtless stood before the large mirror in the room, and fired the fatal shot.

The pistol was a Smith & Wesson, 32 caliber, which lay on the floor near the feet of the body. It is a revolver and was crisscrossed with blood.

The dead man was very well dressed, wearing a dark suit and a white shirt with a high collar.

With a haste that was almost unseemly the proprietor of the hotel, James Wormley, telephoned to police headquarters for a patrol wagon. A detail of police was speedily dispatched and the body carried to the wagon and REMOVED TO THE MORGUE.

The effects found upon the body and in the room were at once turned over to the police. Representative of the Standard Oil people, intimate friend of Mr. Gowen, and Mr. Wanamaker, the Postmaster-General, were at once notified of the fatal shooting.

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built the Reading Railroad up from a small corporation to one of power, and in the transactions which eventually carried the road under the management of large trusts of coal lands in the Schuylkill country took only the risk that every man of this day and to the day to operate in everything on a large scale. Money was cheap and plentiful, and speculation was rife, and when the crash came those who were dealing legitimately had to suffer with the rest, but Mr. Gowen's services were always appreciated by the business men of Pennsylvania, and his activity in putting down

THIS MOLLY COUTURES and important performances of that day. He will long be remembered for his part in that crusade. It was a powerful and dangerous organization to grapple with, but he never faltered and finally, after banding scores of the wretches over to the hangman, enjoyed the satisfaction of knowing that the different societies had been obliged to disband and delete from their bloody work.

"Mr. Gowen, by the way," continued Mr. Carson, "enjoyed the distinction before the war of drawing the largest salary paid in the country of any corporation in this country. He was paid \$25,000 a year, the sum at that time paid to the President of the United States. I find myself entirely at a loss to count for such an act as self-destruction on the part of such a man. He was a fine lawyer, a fine politician, a fine man, and he suffered from any embarrassment of any character I never heard of this."

THE NEWS AT HOME.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—The news of the death of Franklin B. Gowen caused a great sensation here. The law offices of Francis I. Gowen, a nephew of the deceased, were quickly besieged by persons seeking information, but Mr. Gowen, who was much shocked by the news, said he was utterly ignorant as to what could have led to the suicide, if such it was. He left soon afterward to care for the body and bring it home.

FRANKLIN B. GOWEN was one of the best known men in financial and legal circles in this city. He was estimated to be worth between \$200,000 and \$300,000, and lived in a handsome suburban residence at Mt. Airy. He leaves a widow and daughter. His friends are the most surprised at the report of his suicide from the fact that he was never known to carry a pistol. He was opposed to the practice, and during the Mollie McGuire prosecutions at Philadelphia, when he was in great danger, he refused to carry a weapon.

President D. B. Cullings of the Girard National Bank, one of the most intimate friends of Mr. Gowen, said he never knew of any reason that Mr. Gowen took his own life. He was of a cheerful disposition and had no enemies. He was a man of great energy and had an appointment on business at his office at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, as did the other friends of Mr. Gowen, evincing much grief on account of the sad occurrence.

Nothing But Bitter Words for Him.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 14.—Members of the American Federation of Labor, speaking of President Gowen, have said that they were for him. They agree that he was the enemy of organized labor and they hold him responsible for the hanging of innocent coal-miners at Mollie McGuire's trial. They say that a kind Providence has sent him to his death, and that it would be a good thing for labor if Austin Corbin would do as Mr. Gowen did.

LOVE FOR LITIGATION.

Bloomington's Electric Light Troubles—Notes From the Courts.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 14.—Before the gossip occasioned by the refusal of the Board of Supervisors of this (McLean) county to order the popularly demanded investigation of the books had subsided, the people of Bloomington were furnished with another theme of discussion in the shape of a suit for \$40,000 brought against the city by the Fort Wayne Electric Co.

The suit was brought at Springfield last Wednesday. Two years ago the Fort Wayne Electric Co. secured a franchise from the city for 300 acres. The city being legally unable to assess sufficient tax to pay the cost of \$1,500,000 cash for the franchise, the company agreed to pay for it at the end of seven years. The second rental was due a month since, and the company refused to pay it.

The company had not complied with all the specifications of the franchise, and the city refused to adjust the matter and brought suit, as stated.

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THE LIEDERKRANZ HOP.

A BRILLIANT CONCERT, FOLLOWED BY A GORGEOUS BALL LAST NIGHT.

Classical Musical Selections Beautifully Rendered by Talented Vocalists—A Splendid Entertainment After the Concert—Some of the Costumes Worn by the Ladies Who Attended—The Decorations of the Hall.

A salute to the hop last night at the Liederkranz, a very choice programme of chamber music was rendered by the Philharmonic Quintette, assisted by

Frederick A. Kalkman, soprano of the Church of the Messiah, and Herr O. Heintz and mancherother. There were seven numbers, all of which were received with hearty applause. The series of winter entertainments at the Liederkranz have been remarkably successful and well patronized. Much good taste is displayed by the entertainment committee in the preparation of the programmes. Last night's programme was as follows:

1. Trio for piano, violin and cello. Beethoven. Herren L. Hammerstein, Guido Parlati, G. Anton, Jr.

2. "Kiss's Träumchen." Wagner. Herren G. Parlati, J. Rothman, G. Anton, Jr.

3. "Die Erde Veleichen." Mendelssohn. Herren G. Parlati, J. Rothman, G. Anton, Jr.

4. "Singsong." Schumann. Herren G. Parlati, J. Rothman, G. Anton, Jr.

5. "Aut dem Wasser zu Sinnen." Schubert. Herren G. Parlati, J. Rothman, G. Anton, Jr.

6. Quintet. Herren L. Hammerstein, G. Parlati, J. Rothman, G. Anton, Jr.

This programme was excellently rendered, the concert proving one of the most entertaining ever given by the Liederkranz. After the concert the hop took place, and it was after midnight before the merry company broke up.

Among the guests were Judge Louis Gottschalk who wore royal blue tulle fringed, with panels of blue and gold brocade, the surplice corsage trimmed with the brocade and laid with duchess lace.

Mrs. Ferd. C. Gottschalk, white silk Henriette, full train, with panels of blue and gold brocade, the bodice and corsage with lace and duchess lace.

Mrs. Nanette Gottschalk, an empire gown of white tulle, with full round skirt, shirred to the short waist, the folds shirred in beneath a broad girde.

Mrs. Rose Helmerichs, a handsome toilette of ruby-tinged satin duchesse, made with round skirt and straight bodice, with panels of blue and gold brocade, the bodice and corsage with lace and duchess lace.

Mrs. Emma Leckman, black silk velvet with black Chantilly lace, the Empire corsage girded by a broad sash of moire ribbon.

Mrs. Clara Klingenberg, a pretty toilette of electric blue tulle, made with full round skirt and straight bodice, with panels of blue and gold brocade, the bodice and corsage with lace and duchess lace.

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KNIGHTS OF ST. PATRICK.

Officers for the Coming Year Elected at Last Night's Meeting.

The Knights of St. Patrick held their annual meeting last evening in the parlors of the Lindell Hotel for the election of officers and the transaction of other business. The following members, among others, were present:

Charles Green, President; Richard Ennis, John D. Finney, F. K. Ryan, L. Harrigan, Chief John Lindsay, James D. Maguire, R. M. McGraw, E. Cummings, John E. Mohan, Judge O'Connell, Judge McCaffrey, Thomas Morris, H. Clay Sexton, Ed. J. O'Connell

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Genuine Imported
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 All Patent Medicines at Reduced Prices.

THE SENATORIAL RACE.
 Our Deering Maintains That the Prohibition Issue Will Cut an Important Figure.
 "I do not believe that there is any assurance of selecting a Republican President."

major to succeed Vest," said Ben Dearinger, a legislator, who had just returned from a two-month trip through the Southern and Northern portions of the State.

"I said he: 'The Republicans are endeavoring to prepare the way for a divided Legislature, and they have reason to be sanguine of the defeat of Vest or any other pronounced Democrat. But I am sure that the Legislature will do no important act unless the last Legislature on account of the independent vote of the Democrats. The independent institutions, who were acting rather independent of party policy. The opposition to the Democrats is not a party, but a group of individuals as among the independent voting element."

Mr. Vest has many difficulties before him, but he has never been in his way before.

The party is now forced to fight for supremacy in the State, and the Democrats are fighting Senatorial ambition enters into the campaign.

be either an independent member or a member of the majority. I have no doubt that the temperance element is independent and strong enough to dictate. It will be hard to get that element in favor of Vest, or of any other man.

SUPPOSED TO BE 'WET.'
The 'dry' people are not going to vote in temperance stronghold and are not feeling pleased over the settling aside of temperance measures. They are not going to vote in temperance measures under the influence of chime politics. They are mad enough in their own minds to vote outright, rather than support a Vest man.

Speaking of other candidates Mr. Deering says: "I have not interviewed any of them. R. E. Bland, and am, therefore, fully formed on the subject of his candidacy. He is a man of good character, but I do not like him. I think I have it in unmistakable terms in his talk that he regards it as a matter of course that he will be elected. I will not send Mr. Vest back to the

to enter the canvass, but he has persistently refused to do so. He is a strong temperance Democrat, on account of his conservative intemperances on the whisky question. Governor Francis has referred to yesterday's editorial as the candidate against whom I find his friends talking him wherever I go in the State. Van Dusen will defeat that man by getting the position that 'nobody can beat it.' In my opinion it will take lively work to secure the election of a man who has been nominated but does not promise election this evening by a jug full. Ten independent from the various counties or districts will make the election of Van Dusen a sure thing. A very trifling matter. Where Republicans can't elect members they are talking about some other thing. A Republican nominee is possible. And it will un-

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CONVICTED OF OBSCENITY.

Freudenau Found Guilty of Sending a Vulgar Poem Through the Mail.

Freudenau, publisher and editor of alleged newspaper, was yesterday convicted in the United States District Court of sending through the mails a variety of journalistic pretense, which contained obscenity, lewd and lascivious poem. The paper on which the prosecution was based was sent as a sample copy to J. H. Connelley, a woman, who had been charged to read to the judge and proof of its being read in the mails was also made. The evidence against all charges was made by the grand jury. Judge Thayer's charge was in the repetition of his charge in a similar case.

The following was the jury: Joseph Waller, J. Thompson, Charles E. Giraud, Wm. V. Scott, Angus H. Reper, John C. Brown, J. H. McHenry, John O. Durr, J. J. Smith, Charles Neulinger, Thomas Hunk and A. Johnson.

Influence in Hecoon.

Director, Dec. 11.—Physicians report several

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ST. LOUIS, SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 15, 1899.

SANTA CLAUS' WORKSHOP

SOME OF THE MECHANICAL TOYS THAT WILL FILL HIS CHRISTMAS PACK.

The "French Race Game" and the "World's Fair Track" That Will Delight the Children—A Funny Mechanical "Dancing Skeleton"—Performing Bears, Barking Dogs and Strutting Peacocks.

[Written for the SUNDAY POST-DISPATCH.]

EVERY year makes childhood more and more of a fairyland. The multitude of toys and devices for the amusement of the youngsters of our day would have been a revelation to the little tot of a single generation ago. There seems to be no end to the delightful process of invention of ingenious mechanical games, automata, toy, parlor acrobatics, and other wonderful inventions that are put upon the market every holiday season and which go to make a jolly Santa Claus' pack still more bulky when Christmas arrives. This year there are many novelties in new toys that are marvels of skill and mechanical ingenuity, and are well calculated both to amuse and instruct.

One of the ideas that seems to have struck the toy inventors most forcibly is the racing track, no fewer than three mechanical representations of the "French Race Game" and the "World's Fair Track" That Will Delight the Children—A Funny Mechanical "Dancing Skeleton"—Performing Bears, Barking Dogs and Strutting Peacocks.

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IN MY LADY'S CHAMBER.

CHARMING Boudoirs of Mrs. W. K. AND E. W. VANDERBILT AND OTHERS.

Fantasies of Fashion in Bedroom Furnishings—Medieval Boudoir of Mrs. George R. Blanchard—Delightful Apartments of Mrs. James H. Beckman's Apartments—A Violet Bedroom.

Special Correspondence of SUNDAY POST-DISPATCH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. HE most imposing bed in this town is in Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt's boudoir. It is the ancient style of posts and canopies, and it stands on a raised platform in the center of the room. The bed is covered with a white satin, and the pillows are of white satin. The bed is covered with a white satin, and the pillows are of white satin.

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others, Washington, Chicago, etc., and the players each select a side. Then a handle is turned, and this causes a railroad train to revolve around the outside of the globe, where the track is laid. It runs until it stops at some one of the series of numbers. The player who first reaches the number 5,000,000 is the winner.

The mechanical dancing skeleton is one of the funniest toys of the season and will unquestionably afford much amusement. The articulated skeleton, made after a Japanese skeleton, is set on a pedestal and operated by means of machinery in the base. It performs a genuine nerve breakdown and is irresistibly comic. The figure is white, 10½ inches high and cost \$2.50. There is a grotesque pose assumed by a dancer, or a quickstep or hornpipe, which this funny little man of bones cannot perform.

To this class of dancing toys belongs the performing bear, which is a model of a bear in full motion, instinct with life and very natural in all his movements. He has a head and he goes through the same motions as a performing bear belonging to a traveling circus. He opens his mouth and closes it with a resounding snap, pounds the floor with his snuff, sniffs his jaws, growls, rolls his head from side to side and sniffs. He is a very different customer from the old-time toy bear, who stood stock still, with the exception of his head, which he swung lazily from side to side to a tongue-rolling accompaniment. He just sniffs.

Of the same order of comic toys is the new "Uncle Sam" dressed up in characteristic style and mounted upon a bicycle. He grasps the handlebars with his hands and sets it in motion. When wound up it will run rapidly round a large circle, but the circle can be reduced to suit the size of the parties. It is a strong and excellent toy and will please

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